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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 2 Percent From Last Year

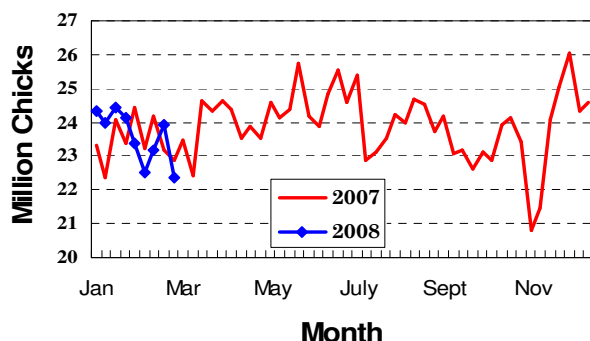
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas were 22.4 million during the week ending March 1, 2008. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week in 2007 and down 6 percent from the previous week. Placements included 2.1 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2007, through March 1, 2008, were 212 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week were 22.7 million, down 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier and down 2 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.2 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82 percent.

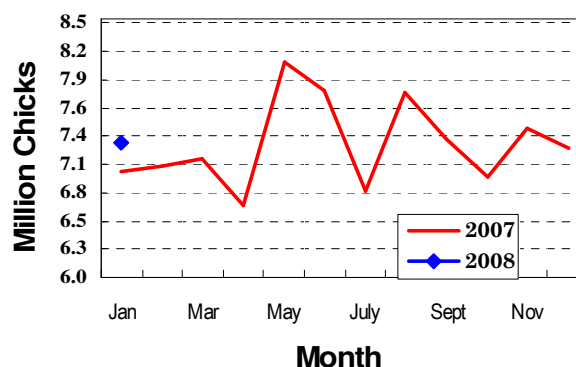
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 28.4 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending March 1, 2008, up 1 percent from last year, but virtually unchanged from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **United States** placed 7.3 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during January 2008, up 4 percent from January 2007.

Chicks Placed in Arkansas by Week, 2007-2008



U. S. Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks Placed for Domestic Hatchery Supply Flocks, 2007-2008



	Chicks Placed in Arkansas		
Week Ending 1/	Year		% of Prev. Year
	2007	2008	
	Thousand		
Jan. 26	23,381	24,147	103
Feb. 2	24,410	23,399	96
Feb. 9	23,244	22,526	97
Feb. 16	24,192	23,171	96
Feb. 23	23,169	23,908*	103
Mar. 1	22,890	22,362	98

Month	U.S. Pullet Chicks Placed		
	Year		% of
	2006-2007	2007-2008	Prev. Year
	Thousand		
Aug.	7,631	7,792	102
Sep.	7,063	7,327	104
Oct.	6,744	6,970	103
Nov.	7,618	7,438	98
Dec.	7,176	7,248	101
Jan.	7,015	7,300	104

1/ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

* Revised

Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, February 2, 2008 - March 1, 2008

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	2-Feb	9-Feb	16-Feb	23-Feb	1-Mar	% 1/	2-Feb	9-Feb	16-Feb	23-Feb	1-Mar	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	31,432	31,879 *	31,899	31,920	31,824	103	21,220	21,019	20,896	20,661 *	21,592	105
Arkansas	28,592	27,784 *	28,156	28,455 *	28,418	101	23,399	22,526	23,171	23,908 *	22,362	98
Delaware	4,095	3,868	3,999	3,998	3,992	99	4,889	4,917	4,397	4,104	4,662	106
Florida	1,379	1,379 *	1,369	1,369	1,358	99	1,384	1,417	1,382	1,317	1,302	75
Georgia	35,895	35,460	35,318	35,314 *	35,129	98	27,937	28,747	28,950	29,129	28,632	99
Kentucky	7,802 *	7,432 *	7,393	7,922	8,017	104	6,069	5,881	6,632	6,508 *	6,222	109
Louisiana	3,863	3,984	3,924	3,924	3,924	102	3,913	4,033	3,606	3,835	3,747	96
Maryland	9,025	9,104	9,067	8,975	9,138	102	5,978	6,197	7,291	7,234	6,267	106
Mississippi	18,826	18,661	18,510	18,755	18,774	98	16,803	17,234	17,136	17,290 *	16,945	99
N. Carolina	19,668	19,796 *	19,870	19,775	20,142	103	16,384	16,153	16,257	16,404	16,322	104
Oklahoma	6,661	6,305	6,487	6,516	6,451	97	4,752	5,171	5,688	5,374	5,675	111
Pennsylvania	4,261	4,295	4,433 *	3,976 *	4,197	105	3,256	3,289	3,229 *	3,331 *	3,250	125
S. Carolina	5,440	5,714	5,693	5,518	5,800	103	4,972	4,789	4,243	4,306	5,336	127
Texas	15,672 *	15,702 *	15,714 *	15,869 *	15,948	109	12,513	12,930 *	12,890	12,827	12,970	106
Virginia	6,326	6,341	6,428	6,443	6,443	104	5,108	5,010	4,880	4,860	5,142	100
CA,MO,TN & WW	19,937 *	19,561 *	19,825 *	20,203 *	20,231	100	17,483	17,169	16,847 *	16,841 *	16,918	97
19 State Total	218,874 *	217,265 *	218,085 *	218,932 *	219,786		176,060 *	176,482 *	177,495 *	177,929 *	177,344	
Prev. Year Total	211,617	212,295	214,750	214,659	216,547		171,953	170,798	171,611	172,634	173,482	
% of Prev. Year	103	102	102	102	101		102	103	103	103	102	
Approximate Marketing Date 2008 2/							22-Mar	29-Mar	5-Apr	12-Apr	19-Apr	

* Revised in current week.

1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

2/ Industry average; seven weeks from placement.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 220 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 1, 2008. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 1, 2008. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through March 1, 2008 were 1.60 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.